

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH
IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—The probabilities are that the weather to-day will be partly cloudy, with occasional rains.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY during the forenoon was mostly cloudy and very warm, but in the afternoon it cleared up and the breeze from the west was not so intense as on the preceding day, with occasional pleasant breezes. In the evening about 7:30 there was a slight fall of rain, which laid the dust and cooled the air somewhat.

At 11 o'clock another thunder-storm passed over the city, and there was a steady rain for some time.

Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch office
June 29, 1875.

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(Specially reported for the Dispatch.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Opening of Commencement Week.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY CELEBRATION.

THE UNIVERSITY DURING FIFTY YEARS.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, June 29, 1875.

Commencement week and semi-centennial week gradually merged into each other. The grounds were more beautiful than I have ever seen them, and (surely the sun does not shine on a more lovely landscape than this); the crowd of visitors is already much larger than usual, and large numbers are pouring in by every train; the arrangements for entertaining guests are admirable, and everything betokens a brilliant success.

THE WASHINGTON SOCIETY had its final celebration to-night in the Public Hall, which was crowded with the dignity, wisdom, youth, grace, and beauty which these occasions always bring together at the University.

After the usual preliminaries, during which Webster's Hall, from Washington, made very sweet music, and the belles and beaux began the chatter which they proposed to keep up all the way through the exercises, Rev. L. A. Steele, chaplain of the University, made an appropriate prayer, and the president of the Society (Benjamin Harrison) of West Virginia made a few introductory remarks. He alluded to the brilliancy of the scene before him and to the occasion of the semi-centennial celebration, and bade the audience a cordial welcome.

He introduced as the orator of the day Mr. Henry C. Stuart, of Salisbury, Va., (a nephew of the "flower of culture," J. E. Stuart,) who was greeted with loud applause and a number of bouquets.

He began with a graceful allusion to the dignity of the occasion and to the older alumni, who come as bright links between the past and the present to crown Alma mater with a more brilliant and more numerous halo than she has ever worn.

As the nation stands on the eve of the centennial that is to celebrate Jefferson's first centennial, so this semi-centennial is to celebrate his second gift—the University of Virginia.

He recalled some lessons appropriate to the occasion, and announced as his theme Hamilton's words of cheer and roused merriment: "Beyond the Alps lies Italy." He vividly sketched the life of Hamilton—his youth, his overcoming every obstacle, his passage of the Alps—and brought out the circumstances of these stirring words. He painted the beauties of Italy as applied to the University, and then, in a few words, he alluded to the future of the nation.

He closed with an eloquent appeal to each noble youth to register on these classic walls a vow that he will walk in the footsteps of his noble brothers and work earnestly for his country's good.

The speech was sensible, chaste, well delivered, and singularly free from a trap. It was loudly applauded, and seemed to give high satisfaction to the audience.

The President, in very brief and appropriate terms, then made a most appropriate address, and then, in a few words, he alluded to the future of the nation.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE PUBLIC DEBT.—At a recent meeting of the board constituted by the acts of April 22, 1874, and March 29, 1875, to provide for the payment of interest on the public debt, it was resolved that the condition of the Treasury will warrant the payment of the interest on the public debt at the rate of six per cent. on the principal of the debt, and that the interest on the public debt be paid at the rate of six per cent. on the principal of the debt, and that the interest on the public debt be paid at